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REQUEST**FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) O I P
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/360,947
Filing Date	July 27, 1999
First Named Inventor	Charles E. Sumner, Jr.
Group Art Unit	1626
Examiner Name	J. Murray
Attorney Docket Number	1533.1340004

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0036
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$710.00 enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	36,203
Signature	Steven R. Ludwig	Date	5/23/01

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/360,947; Filed: July 27, 1999
For: **Method for Separating a Tocopherol from a Tocopherol-Containing
Mixture and Composition Thereof**
Inventor: Charles E. Sumner, Jr.
Our Ref: 1533.1340004/SRL/J-C

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B)(*in duplicate*);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
3. Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(b), Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114;
4. One (1) return postcard; and
5. Our check No. 31375 to cover \$710.00 for Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.


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Enclosures

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Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to:

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Deposit Account Name Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.

Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17

Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit card Money Order Other*

*Charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in the fees or fee calculations of Parts 1, 2 and 3 below to Deposit Account No. 19-0036

FEE CALCULATION

I. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355 Utility filing fee	
106	320	206	160 Design filing fee	
107	490	207	245 Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355 Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Total Claims _____ - 20** = _____ X _____ = _____

Indep. Claims _____ - 3*** = _____ X _____ = _____

Multiple Dependent _____ = _____

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

** or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$710.00
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify):

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